

IN THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is a replacement drawing for Figure 4, without any markings. The changes to the drawings are merely formalize the handwritten reference numerals added in the drawing submitted with the February 4, 2005 amendment and as explained therein. No new matter has been added. The replacement sheet also includes Figs. 5 and 6 as originally filed.

The header of each revised drawing sheet includes the following information: (i) "Replacement Sheet", (ii) application number and (iii) date information. The Examiner is requested to approve the drawing changes and provide an indication of such consideration in the next Office Action.

REMARKS

By this amendment, the sole rejected claims 22-26 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, in favor of Applicant's right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter thereof. Hence, the rejection of claims 22-26, which Applicant vigorously traverses, is now rendered moot. Accordingly, as the sole pending claims, i.e., claims 1-21 and 27-35, have been previously allowed, the application is in clear condition for allowance. In addition, the Summary of the Invention section of the specification has been amended to conform to the claim amendments submitted in the amendment filed February 4, 2005, as discussed during the Interview summarized below. Hence, no new matter has been added.

Also, during the preparation of this amendment, Applicant noticed that the Remarks section of the February 4, 2005 Amendment contained some minor errors. For example, at page 15, in the third paragraph and onward to page 16, the words "of the flexibility" and "engageable with at least one of wearer's anterior teeth and one of the wearer's posterior teeth" do not appear in claim 1, as amended by that amendment.

In view of the amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections, and prompt passage of the case to issue.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the Applicant's undersigned representative during the telephonic Interview of June 28, 2005. In accordance with the interview, Applicant understands that the replacement sheet for Figures 4, 5 and 6 submitted with the amendment of February 4, 2005 has been approved. The enclosed sheet is merely a formal version of the handwritten version submitted with the prior Amendment. Also, a discussion concerning Applicant's traversal of the rejection of claims 22-26 ensued, resulting in a decision by Applicant to cancel those claims in favor of a future continuation application, and expedited prosecution of this case. After cancellation of claims 22-26, the sole pending claims have been previously allowed. Hence, the application is in clear condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests prompt notification thereof.

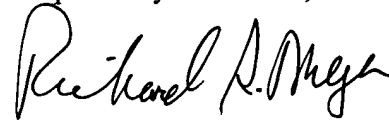
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in clear condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to promptly pass the application to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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